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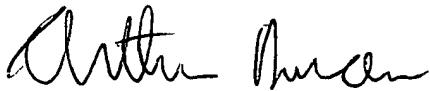
The reply brief filed on 1/23/2006 has been entered and noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

***Conclusion***

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